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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

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This is a request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the final Office Action dated March 24, 2004. This is a request for a two-month extension of time from July 23, 2004 to September 23, 2004. It is noted that the first reply was filed on May 24, 2004 (within two months of the date of the Final Rejection). An Advisory Action was not mailed until July 23, 2004. Therefore, according to MPEP 706.07(f), the three-month shortened statutory period for reply has been reset to expire on the mailing date of the Advisory Action thereby changing the four and five month dates to August 23, 2004 and September 23, 2004 respectively.

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Respectfully submitted,

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